

BBC boring viewers over climate crisis

SPRINGWATCH babe Michaela Strachan has admitted the BBC's wildlife coverage has "sometimes gone too with tiresome focus on climate change

Alongside Chris Packham, Strachan often returns for seasonal editions of the Watch series.

But in more recent years, the Beeb has woven in calls for action and devoted

action and devoted plenty of airtime to climate change.

Michaela said:
"Sometimes we've gone too far and people have told us that's not what they come to the programme for... our role is also to uplift and empower.

empower. "Our viewers are "Our viewers are caring people who want to make a difference but don't always know how, so we'll offer ideas for citizen science or celebrate unsung heroes, whether they're rewilding estates or putting up nest boyee." putting up nest boxes."

Awaab's Law to fix homes

ROGUE social housing landlords could be forced to repair mouldy homes within 24 hours as part of government proposals after a toddler's death.

Campaigners have demanded reforms after two-year-old Awaab Ishak died from mould exposure at his Rochdale home in

The proposals would see new time limits set

for repairs to homes. Known as Awaab's Law, the proposed legal changes would force landlords to investigate issues within two weeks, and begin repairs within a further seven days.



FARAGE



Strained after a poll showed Reform
UK moving into third amid rumours
of a Nigel Farage comeback.

Research by Redfield & Wilton put the insurgent party on 11 per cent – above the Lib Dems on 10

It is the joint highest recorded for Reform UK by the firm, and will heighten anxiety in Conservative circles about the right-wing vote

being split at the election.
Overall Keir Starmer maintained
his huge advantage in the first
Redfield survey of the New Year,

with Labour on 43 per cent and the Tories just 27 per cent.
That would be enough for a landslide when the country goes to the ballot boxes, although Rishi Sunak's strategists are hoping that the gap will narrow as the decision approaches. approaches.

approaches.

Mr Farage has pointedly refused to rule out a return to the political front line, saying he is 'very frustrated' with the government and highlighting that immigration is rising up voters' list of concerns.

However, he has also stressed

that he is not as young as he used to be – and highlighted that in 2015 his Brexit Party secured a million votes without getting any foothold in the Commons.

in the Commons.

Mr Farage did not turn up to a
Reform UK campaign launch last
week, leaving current leader
Richard Tice having to explain that
he is biding his time.

Mr Sunak has said he expects to

call an election in the 'second half of the year', with November 14 seen as the favourite date in Westminster.

Post Office appeals on fast track

THE justice secretary THE justice secretary met with senior judges yesterday to discuss ways to accelerate the appeals of those convicted in the Post Office scandal, with cabinet minister Mel Stride saying an announcement could come this week. The government is

come this week.

The government is facing fresh calls to act following the airing of the ITV drama, Mr Bates vs The Post Office, which returned the spotlight to the scandal.

Between 1999 and 2015, more than 700 Post Office branch managers were convicted after the faulty Horizon software made it look like money was missing from their shops.

was missing from their shops.
Stride said Chalk, is having discussions with senior members within the justice system to see what can be done to accelerate those appealing their

be done to accelerate" those appealing their convictions.
"My understanding is that they are happening now. So this is something that is happening hour by hour. Not something that's going to happen next week. It is happening right now."

England on flood alert

MORE than 100 flood warnings remain in place, mainly in southern England, following last week's wet weather, as cold temperatures

continue.

The Environment Agency said 125 flood warnings apply in England, including along the Thames near London

Temperatures remain cold and an amber cold health alert is in place for much of England until

Friday.
Snow flurries hit Kent and outer London, but much of it did not appear to settle, Met Office meteorologist Tom Morgan said.

There were also 136 flood alerts in place, where flooding is possible, in the south, as well as eastern and northeastern England.

<u>Victim repeats her bombshell</u>



ONE of Jeffrey Epstein's sex slaves has claimed she was forced to retract allegations the paedo made sex tapes of Prince Andrew, Bill Clinton and Richard[°] Branson.

Sarah Ransome made the claims in 2016, which have only now been revealed in newly released documents, saying that the men were filmed by the financier using hidden cameras throughout his various properties.

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Miss Ransome retracted her allegations in the same year, reportedly saying that she invented the tapes to shine a light on what Epstein was

oing. But, appearing on *Good*

By COLIN HURST news@sundaysport.co.uk

Morning Britain yesterday, she reiterated her claims and she reiterated her claims and said she was forced to retract the allegations after she and her family were threatened with harm' by Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell.

She added that it is 'no secret that everything was recorded' and claimed that 'multiple victims have come forward' confirming her account.

A spokesperson for Mr Branson described the claims as 'baseless and unfounded'. Prince Andrew and President Clinton have also denied wrongdoing.

A US judge has ordered hundreds of documents to be

unsealed as part of Virginia Giuffre's legal claim against British socialite Maxwell, which was filed in 2015.

The sex tapes claim was made in a letter Miss Ransome sent a journalist in 2016 talking about her experiences. It was made public in court papers released on Monday.

Footage

In the letter, Miss Ransome rote: "When my friend had wrote: sexual intercourse with Prince Andrew and Clinton.

Clinton, Prince Andrew and Richard Branson, sex tapes were in fact filmed on each separate occasion by Jeffrey. "Thank God she managed to get a hold of some footage of the sex tapes, which clearly identify the faces of Clinton, Prince Andrew and Branson

having sexual intercourse with

having sexual intercourse with her.

"Frustratingly enough Epstein was not seen in any of the footage but he was clever like that!

"When my friend eventually had the courage to speak out and went to the police in 2008 to report what had happened, nothing was done and she was humiliated by the police department where she went to report what had happened with Epstein, Clinton, Branson and Prince Andrew.'

A 2019 article in the New Yorker magazine said Miss Ransome had 'invented the tapes to draw attention to Epstein,'s behaviour and make

Epstein's behaviour and make him believe she had 'evidence that would come out if he harmed me'.



THERE'S a clear north-south divide today with the bottom half of England bathed in sunshine while the north is cloudy. It will be fresh under clear skies and warmer under the cloud blanket. Temperatures of 3C in London, 4C in Cardiff, 6C in Manchester, 8C in Belfast and in Edinburgh.
Cloud will sweep south

THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK SAT SUN

tomorrow but should still be some sunny spells and few sign

Temperatures of 6C in London, 5C in Cardiff, 7C in Manchester, 6C Belfast and 7C Edinburgh.
OUTLOOK: Cloudy











Korea votes to ban dog meat trade

SOUTH Korea has voted to ban its ancient dog meat industry, with campaigners calling it "history in the making". Hundreds of thousands of dogs are farmed and killed in South Korea each year, but attitudes have changed in recent times and demand is now at an all-time low. The ban will make the breeding, slaughter

The ban will make the breeding, slaughter and sale of dogs and dog meat for human consumption illegal from 2027.

There will be penalties of up to three years in prison or a fine of up to £18,000.

Setting up new dog

to £18,000.
Setting up new dog farms, slaughterhouses and facilities for cooking and processing will be banned immediately.

banned immediately.
However, the bill
does not stipulate
penalties for actually
eating dog meat.
Although South
Korea's parliament
endorsed the bill by
208 votes to zero, dog
farmers said they plan
an appeal and protests.



Bath-plop chess champ hits back

A CHESS player stripped of a title for getting drunk and shitting in a bathtub is suing game bosses for "mental distress". Yan Chenglong wrote

in a civil complaint that he drank some beer to celebrate his win and that some food had caused stomach problems and he couldn't make it to the toilet in time.

tollet in time.

He demands the Chinese
Xiangqi apologise, restore
his reputation in the media
and pay him £10,000 in
damages



BEST FILM - MUSICAL OR DRAMA: (POOR THINGS) **BEST ACTRESS - MUSICAL OR COMEDY: EMMA** STONE (POOR THINGS

BEST ACTRESS IN A TV
SERIES - DRAMA: SARAH SNOOK (SUCCESSION)

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Frankie: my Wayne never turns down sex with me

FORMER Premier League star Wayne Bridge never says no to sex with pop star wife Frankie – and who can blame him?! Frankie Bridge, 34 (ghove) got sayey on

Frankie Bridge, 34 (above) got saucy on Loose Women as she gave a candid insight into their sex life.

The Saturdays star, who will celebrate her 10-year wedding anniversary to former Chelsea and England left back Wayne, 43, this year, spoke to her fellow panellists about making excuses for sex.

Stitches

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While the women shed light on excuses to avoid it, Frankie confessed that while sometimes she gets "tired, anxious and stressed", Wayne will have sex with her regardless of his mood or feelings at the time. The ITV audience were left in stitches when she said: "I just think men and women are so different. Like so much affects me if I'm stressed, anxious, got something going on, tired whatever...

"Then it makes me not in the mood, it's got nothing to do with my partner but then Wayne, I can be quite horrible to him all day then I can turn around and say, 'Let's get it on' and he'll be like, 'OK then!"

Farmfoods pud-puller sentenced

A MAN caught furiously masturbating in frozen grub shop Farmfoods has been handed a suspended sentence, been fined and given unpaid work.

Christopher Cusworth, 33, of Hartlepool, appeared before Teesside magistrates on a charge of outraging public decency.

Appearing in court. Appearing in court, Cusworth is said to have behaved indecently in Farmfoods on Hartlepool's Catcote Road on July 14

last year.
Cusworth pleaded guilty to outraging public decency by

behaving indecently. He was handed a 26-week sentence suspended for 18 months.

He must also complete at least 10 rehabilitation days and 150 hours of unpaid work.

Cusworth must also pay £85 costs and a £154 surcharge, which will be deducted from



BUSTY Helen Flanagan had fans offering to lend a hand when she showed off her sunburned boobs. Admirers of the 33-year-old telly star were concerned about her crimson busters, which she showed off in a slew of new Instagram snaps taken on holiday in Bali.

The ex-Corrie actress also looked over-pink on the teat in a clip she shared of herself tucking into a pasta dish by the pool as she relaxed.

Helen previously revealed all had not been smooth-sailing on the trip as she candidly shared a list of things that hadn't gone to plan.

Alongside some gorgeous bikini snaps, the beauty revealed that a monkey stole her sunglasses and her daughter's Nintendo, and commented on her sunburn.

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But when social media followers saw Helen's livid sunburn, they gallantly offered to help out.

One posted: "I'm ready to rub in the after sun [sic]."

A pal said: "Helen's fans are so sweet. They would do anything for her – even rub cream into her large, firm breasts."

Helen was reunited with her three kids for the holiday after they spent Christmas with their father Scott Sinclair, 34.

Helen and the Bristol Rovers footy star split in July 2022 after 13 years together and they now co-parent their children.

The former I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! scorcher previously explained that the kids would be spending Christmas with their father and his mother in Rath while she spending Christmas with their father and his mother in Bath, while she remained in Bolton.





Hubby beats wife to death with hammer

A HUSBAND has been charged with beating his wife to death with

a hammer and burying her body in a hole he hired a worker to dig on the couple's land.

Joseph Glynn, 70 (above), was arrested after he admitted to investigators he killed his wife Jackie, 76, on New Year's Day at their home in Green Hills, Tennessee, the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department said.

The following day, Glynn allegedly put his wife's body inside a plastic cargo box before driving her remains around 60 miles to the couple's other property in DeKalb County to dump her body in a hole previously dug out by contractors.

He told their children that their mother had left because she was terminally ill.

Suspicious of their father's account, the children contacted their mother's medical provider and were told she was fine.

Her body was found in a freshly-covered hole by the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office, still inside the cargo

box and covered in new roofing shingles and dirt.

The husband told detectives he disposed

of the hammer he used to kill his wife in a community centre rubbish compactor.

Donut fan sues over bog blast

A MAN is suing Dunkin'
Donuts after he says a
toilet at one of their
branches exploded while
he was doing his business,
leaving him covered
head-to-toe in SHIT.
Paul Kerouac said the
stomach-turning blast left
him "covered with debris,
including human faeces
and urine," according to a
lawsuit filed in Florida's
9th Judicial District.
"After the explosion,
the plaintiff emerged from
the men's room and

the men's room and sought assistance from employees to clean himself, as he remained covered with human faeces and urine," the

complaint says.
Making matters worse,
Kerouac also claims that
workers at the Orange

workers at the Orange County coffee shop conceded they were aware of "problems with the toilet". He's now asking the coffee giant for £40k plus legal fees, claiming the messy mishap left him suffering "bodily injury and psychological damage," as well as "permanent and significant emotional injury and loss of the injury and loss of the capacity for the enjoyment of life".























KNOCKED UP: Daisy Link Fingers were full of SPUNK, officers say

A FEMALE prisoner became pregnant thanks to a RUBBER GLOVE!

Daisy Link, 28, who is being held at the Turner Guilford Knight Correctional Centre in Turner Guilford Knight Correctional Centre in Florida on a murder rap, revealed to her mum Josie Ramos that she was pregnant.

Link told Ramos that a male inmate housed in the adjoining men's wing charge — passed her a semen-filled glove via an air conditioning vent on multiple occasions.

Link said she had never met the man, and had only spoken to him through the vent.

Link's attorney said jail officials revealed she got pregnant via an "unconventional method" — but didn't specify.

The behavior father had.

in the facility's mental health unit.

"Can someone in the courthouse see this and let her out so she can get

proper prenatal medical care? Because you don't come out of a jail impregnated by anyone

method" — but didn't specify.

The baby's father has since been removed from the facility.

"The care, safety, and rehabilitation of all those in our custody remains our top priority," Miami-Dad prison bosses said.

"While there is no evidence of sexual battery against our inmate at this time, the circumstances surrounding the pregnancy are currently under are currently un active investigation.

Priest asked for sex in confession

A CATHOLIC priest has been banned from duties after he asked a parishioner for sex – during CONFESSION.

Father Ignazio Medina, a priest with the Diocese of Jefferson City, Missouri, is barred from holding any church office, celebrating mass to the public and hearing confessions from parishioners effective immediately after the

church tribunal found him guilty. Bishop W. Shawn McKnight, who lead an investigation, said in a statement: "I want to be clear that sexual solicitation during confession is a sacrilege, a crime in our church, and a grave form of abuse - it cannot be tolerated.

"With God's help we must work to continue to eradicate abuse from all corners of our church."

while you're awaiting a trial," Ramos said.

The expectant mother fatally shot a man outside her home in Homestead, Florida, in June 2022 in a domestic incident.

incident.
"I think I hit a major artery," Link told the unnamed victim who would later die.











Fireman Sam must train to be more woke

FORGET putting out blazes and rescuing cats from trees—firemen are now being taught WOKE!

Training material for emergency service staff at West Sussex Fire and Rescue shows they have received instruction in "transgender and non-binary" inclusion.

A bitesize guide for staff at the fire service makes a series of claims, including a section asking "what is the gender binary?" in which firemen have been informed that "in white Western cultures, gender is seen as being an either/or choice, also known as a binary.

The training material relates to best-practice for inclusion, and informs emergency service staff that gender is a set of behaviours, while "sex is the label we are assigned by a doctor when we are born".

The guide also offers several caveats, warning people should respect the pronouns of trans folk and apologise if they use them incorrectly.

However, Helen
Joyce from the campaign group Sex Matters, raged: "It's infuriating to see public funds wasted on this 'training'. Anyone who believes' sex is the label we're assigned by a doctor when we're born' or that it 'doesn't fit a

simple binary' needs some basic training in biology themselves."

Naked Jesus 'smoked drug laced ciggie

A MAN who ran naked through traffic told cops he was Jesus.

Officers responding to calls from concerned motorists found Jonathan

motorists found Jonathan Taylor, 29, who had fled from a pizza shop.

Taylor ran across the highway, went through a creek and into a field.

A cop eventually caught up with him and when asked, Taylor said he was outside naked because he was Jesus and was trying to get to church.

to church.

He was eventually
Tasered and handcuffed

after failing to cooperate.

Taylor was thought to
be under the influence of be under the influence of Methamphetamine and due to his "excited state" he was also placed in leg shackles. While at the jail he was denied entry due to a high heart rate so was transported to the

transported to the Greeneville Community Hospital to be checked. After receiving a sedative and calming down, Taylor spoke with officers and said he believed a cigarette he smoked might have been laced with some type of drug. of drug.





Body buried in pit, cops say

A YOUTUBE star who was found buried at a home had taken drugs and shagged a teenage

drugs and shagged a teenage girl, police say.

The 16-year-old girl met with cops two days after the body of Carlos Medeiros was discovered in a shallow pit at a residence in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

The teenager was accompanied by her father and told investigators that Medeiros visited her brother's home on December 24 and took drugs while they were having sex in the bathroom.

Balls-deep

The girl said that the social media influencer had a heart attack as he was balls-deep and that she and her brother and her sister-in-law buried him in the backyard.

The girl was released following the interrogation although her 28-year-old brother and his 24-year-old wife, whose names have not been made within a president part of the there.

public, remained in custody after they

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voluntarily turned themselves in.
They all told investigators that
Medeiros took cocaine and that they
buried him because they were scared
over what had taken place.
The teen revealed her sister-in-law
decided to bury Medeiros after several
attempts to revive him failed.
They removed his clothing and then
passed his body through a window
and dumped him in the grave.
The girl also said that her brother
did drugs with Medeiros.
Authorities are waiting on the
results of an autopsy that will show
whether Medeiros took cocaine and
if the fatal heart attack was caused
by a drug overdose.
According to a police report,
Medeiros body did not display signs
of violence.
Medeiros blossomed as a YouTube

of violence.

Medeiros blossomed as a YouTube star by creating content based on jokes and pranks.

Fentanyl thief nurse 'killed 10 patients'

AROUND 10 patients at a hospital may have died after a nurse nicked the painkiller fentanyl from their IV drips and replaced it with tap water.

Officials at Asante Rogue Regional Medical Centre in Medford, Oregon, alerted police that they believed an ex-employee had stolen medication.

Several sources also claimed that the nurse injected the patients with non-sterile tap water to cover up their misuse of the hospital's supply of pain medication, namely fentanyl.

The alleged swap had been affecting patients since at least the autumn of 2022.

Several people died after contracting infections.

Fentanyl is a popular recreation drug in the US.

A FORMER teacher has been arrested after she

was accused of having sex with a student. Kara Lee, 26, has been charged with sexual assault and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

a minor.

She was arrested following an investigation by
the Crimes Against Children Division into acts
allegedly occurring in November and December in
Cross County, Arkansas.

Touching

"A call was made to CACD and an investigation ensued finding that Lee had inappropriate physical touching and sexual intercourse with a male student," the sheriff's office said.

Lee (below), was released after posting bail.

A Cross County School
District spokesman said: "We received information last month that an emplayee



month that an employee engaged in inappropriate conduct towards a student.

"The District investigated and reported the allegation to the Arkansas Child Maltreatment Hotline, and the employee has since resigned."





Tramp tossed over lingerie in laundrette

A TRAMP was arrested

A TRAMP was arrested after masturbating in a laundrette while sat watching a female customer's smalls spin in a tumble dryer.

Two cops went to the Spin City Laundry in Ocala, Florida, after receiving reports of a man pleasuring himself on the premises.

A witness told the sheriffs office that a man, later identified as Pedro Reyes, 29 (above), had been observed sitting next to the machines inside the business.

They said he went

the business.

They said he went
on to "expose his penis
from his pants," and
wanked for a short
period of time before
"putting it back in his
pants" and leaving.

CCTV later showed

CCTV later showed he'd been staring at a drier containing undies. Cops who later caught up with Reyes also noted he had spunk on his trousers. He now faces a charge of indecent exposure of sexual organs.

of sexual organs.

PISTE OFF

MALE spectators have MALE spectuors have been banned from the Boot Tan Festival run at Sunlight Mountain Resort in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, where hundreds of women ski NAKED.

































Arse wiping drove lover to smother

A TINY woman has admitted smothering her terminally ill partner with a pillow as she was "disgusted" with having to care for him as he lay dying of cancer of the arse. Margaret Kearney

nim as he lay dying of cancer of the arse.

Margaret Kearney, 69 (above), was nicked for the premeditated murder of her lover of 15 years at their home in New Port Richey, Florida.

The victim, who was under hospice care for terminal rectal cancer, was found dead by a visiting nurse who went to the property to treat him.

Deputies with the Pasco County Sheriff's Office were called to the scene and observed that the man had "no concerning injuries".

But the next day, Kearney's friend of 30 years contacted authorities to tell them she'd had several concerning phone calls recently with the

she'd had several concerning phone calls recently with the woman about her boyfriend's health. The friend told an

The friend told an investigator Kearney "expressed disgust with having to care for the victim, as the victim was defecating himself due to his illness and she did not wish to clean him and would wait for a home health care nurse to clean him next time they visited", the filing stated.

Kearney, who's been charged with murder, told cops she smothered the man for five minutes after he had complained of feeling pain.

OAP's burnt to a crisp in lighter gaffe

A PENSIONER was left badly-burned when he tried to open a bag of crisps with a LIGHTER.
The 75-year-old victim,

whose name has not been released, was seriously injured in Dalton, Georgia, local communications director Bruce Frazier said.

"The victim was using a lighter to open bags of crisps, which he was unable to do with his hands. While doing this, the man accidentally set himself on fire while sitting in a recliner." the

press release said. Maintenance workers contained the blaze to the recliner using a water hose until firemen arrived.

The victim was taken to Erlanger Baroness Hospital in Chattanooga Tennessee, with third degree burns on about 75 percent of his body, Mr Frazier explained.

Crisps can be very flammable because of their starchy and oily composition.



get teased"
Regardless, she did take her
family to see the film – but
walked out of the premiere when
the time came for her to strip.









THERE are some things too dreadful to even imagine.

Your mum with a new fella.
Your sister getting laid by your

mates.

Your dog lying on its back outside an all-girls school and refusing to budge while proudly showing off his glistening lipstick*.

We all have our own levels of how far down the mental rabbit hole we'll allow ourselves to dive, but during these last few days, we've all been sharing a particularly worrying image in our minds.

Specifically, the late Professor Stephen Hawking, who is now accused long after his death and with no chance to defend himself, of having been involved in "underage orgies" at the home of the also dead former financier, mega-nonce, and BFF of

the home of the also dead former financier, mega-nonce, and BFF of Prince Andrew, Jeffrey Epstein. Now, back in dim and distant times, I was on an extended "trip" abroad when someone said something

abroad when someone said something rather illuminating.
We were sat in a bar in the Land of Smiles, aka Thailand, rudely congratulating ourselves on our mocking of the endless flocks of men piling in determined to get their rocks off.

Insert

Noting that one particularly fat, sweaty German bloke had his hand seemingly glued to the bottom of a member of bar staff who was at least half his age.

"Ugly people need love, too," observed my Danish companion, who notoriously never paid anyone a penny to insert himself inside anything in spite of the unofficial "no money, no honey" mantra.

"They just have to pay."
And how we would guffaw at these witty observations, especially because we knew the bottom belonging to the girl the German was openly, unsettlingly caressing was actually that of a lad.

Then we'd leave the bar, and my mate would go off and get laid for

nothing, and I... well, I didn't. Those nothing, and 1... well, I didn't. Inose imaginations are disturbing enough but at least it's a place you can probably go to in your mind and think, yes, we behaved like immoral arseholes, but we could have been much worse.

"Much worse", that is, by getting involved in "underage orgies" on Epstein's rock in the Caribbean known locally as Paedo Island.

According to legal filings and unsealed documents, all of which reek of that fine and not-at-all corrupt judicial notion of "compo", that was what the world's most recognisable Prof was up to on that septic isle.

But despite trying – and I know, I need putting down – I just can't see it.

You remember him, right?

Smash

Curled up like the husk of a dead spider in the prison of his wheelchair. Stained bottom teeth permanently on display.

on display.

Speaking through his specially adapted voice simulator, albeit one that seemed to simulate the ad robots who cackled: "For mash get Smash."

Of course it didn't happen.

Even the most generous and accommodating prostitute would turn that offer down – never mind a terrified young girl who should have been doing her homework.

So ignore this rubbish, as while Prof Hawking and Epstein both remain reliably dead and thus beyond questioning, the former US President Bill Clinton remains refreshingly alive.

He was at some of the Epstein get

togethers, too.
As were several of the world's most

As were several of the world's most powerful movers and shakers.
So how come it's only the dead people – and one alive but admittedly monstrous woman, Ghislaine Maxwell – who get the flak?
(*Just to make this crystal clear: My mum very much remains a happy single widow and I do not and never have had a sister. And it was my brother's dog.)

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Naked Ioon takes dip at tackle shop

A MAN was arrested after he dived naked

after he dived naked into an aquarium at a fishing tackle shop.
George Owens, 42 (above), of Sterrett in Alabama, reportedly began acting erratically and intentionally drove a vehicle into a pole in the store car park.
After the crash, police said the suspect exited the vehicle, stripped his clothes off and ran into the Bass Protackle shop in Leeds, Alabama.

Alabama.
Once inside, the man then jumped into the aquarium.
After receiving a call,

After receiving a call, officers were sent to the store to remove the man from the fish tank. The suspect was "belligerent" and refused to cooperate with cops' instructions to get out of the water. As the officers walked up the store

As the officers walked up the store stairs and approached the aquarium, the man exited the water, yelled something to the officers and then dived back into the water. "He was very erratic and was saying a lot of nasty things to the officers," Leeds Police Chief Paul Irwin said. Owens faces several charges including public lewdness, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, assault, criminal mischief and two counts of reckless endangerment for how endangerment for how he drove the vehicle.

Dog owner mauled in gator attack

A WOMAN survived an alligator attack as she tried to save her pet dog

from the reptile.

Gwen Cash was taking her Rottweiler, Maximus, for a walk near her home in Pembroke Pines, Florida, when the deadly gator

when the deadily gator approached her pet.
Gwen said: "It kind of turned, as if it was going for my dog's throat. I tried puttling my arm around my dog's chest and that's how I got scratched.

"I'm glad he didn't close his mouth." She managed to pull

her pooch away and take him back inside, but was left with gaping wounds on her arm.

on her arm.

Gwen said she has
since contacted a
specialist trapper to get
the alligator relocated.
"I think they're really
beautiful. They're in their

natural habitat, so you know... we came here, not the other way around," she added.
"But I don't think they're beautiful when they're trying to eat my

they're trying to eat my dog... it could have bee someone's little kid."



caused on online stir – for whipping off her tiny panties in a local lkea.

Former nurse Iris Hsieh took to her Twitter page with a snippet of her sitting on one of the store's display beds.

In a random turn of events, she proceeds to remove her underwear before using it as a hair bobble –leaving her pretty shaven little slot open to the elements.

The brief clip captioned 'Does it look good tied up?' has since been viewed over 140,000 times and flooded with comments from fellow social media users.

media users.

Many people were left fawning over the content

creator, with one bizarre comment reading: "Why can't I get this benefit when I go to IKEA?"

Another called her actions in the clip "so bold".

Meanwhile, a third responded to her question saying: "Long flowing hair looks better."

It comes after the Taiwanese model claimed

she was barred from the Louvre museum in Paris

first time seeing the Louvre Museum. I could only take three pictures in the beautiful bra top that I just bought as local police approached me and 'got concerned'," Hsieh wrote

on Instagram.

The post caused a stir in her comments, with some French anoots suggesting she was wrong for

pulling the stunt.

One person asked: "How can you wear that for that occasion," while another told her it was "basic common sense" when visiting tourist attractions. Inevitably, fans of the star weren't far behind, with one saying: "The police don't understand the goddess's beauty."

ACHER TOSSED (



A TEACHER sent nude pics to a 15-year-old boy, wanked him off in her car, and told the teenager she was worried she wouldn't be the one to take his virginity.

Tatum Hatch, 32 (left), was arrested after she and the lad exchanged indecent messages for around 18 months in which she suggested he come through her bedroom window to have sex with her, court to have sex with her, court documents say. About a year ago, the pair

met up near the victim's home, where Hatch allegedly touched the boy's genitals in

touched the boy's genitals in the car.

The educator is also said to have told the teen another time she thought he'd find someone else to be his "first" after the boy told her he was scared, the station reported.

The alleged relationship blew up when the victim's father found out and contacted the police.

The boy then showed

investigators with the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office in Louisiana messages

Office in Louisiana messages on Instagram between him and the teacher, who resigned from her job last month when the probe first started.

The victim also claimed Hatch sent nude selfies, but the photographs disappeared because she used vanish mode on Instagram

on Instagram.

A nude photo was recovered after a forensic download was carried out, it's claimed.

Hatch allegedly admitted to law enforcement officers last month that she spoke to the boy through Instagram, but didn't answer some questions because she was afraid she'd lose her children.

She is now facing a charge of computer-aided solicitation of a minor.

Hatch left her job at West Monroe High School after she was earlier placed on administrative leave.





Dear Bexie,

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antil just a couple of weeks ago.

My girlfriend was away at a conference for the weekend and her mate came round to my flat clutching a couple of bottles of wine and a

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She stood up and stripped on to her-black G-string before getting out my throbbing cock and sucking me off until I spunked on her face. She then pleasured herself with a wine bottle until I was rock-hard

again. I led her to my bedroom and gave her a good shafting.

But when I woke up the next day, I felt horribly guilty.

I told her that we couldn't have sex again, but she said she would tell my girlfriend if I didn't carry on coning low.

seeing her.
She explained that she didn't like my girlfriend anyway and if their friendship ended she wouldn't be that bothered.

So I now have to bang her twice a

week.

The last time we did it she tied me up and spanked me with a cane.
I'm virtually her sex slave now.
What do you think I should do?

JD, Essex

Bexie says...

TELL your girlfriend the truth and beg for

Dear Bexie,

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a tight pussy.

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The while believes everything I tell her – that's now I can enjoy my cake and eat it!

We go out twice a week and while she's getting ready me and the babysitter have a quickie.

We make love all over the house, even in our bed while the wife is relaxing in the bath.

Do you think she knows and is just turning a blind eye?

BG, Kidderminster

Bexie says...

YOU'RE playing with fire my friend. Be warned!

Dear Bexie,

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On the night of the gang-bang the landlord led me to the pool table and soon I was being banged by three blokes.

But they told everybody in town and now I can't go anywhere without being called a slag.

What should I do?

LG. Leeds

Bexie says...

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Bexie says...

STAY calm. She will probably change her mind when her husband returns PK. Sussex

Bexie says...

I THINK you've nothing to worry about. Just get out there and get pulling!

place, it all went badly wrong.

Everything was going great to begin with as I stripped her off and sucked her big nipples before





















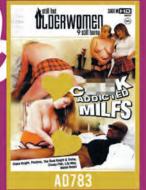


















































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 21. To father (5)

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 23. Fluctuate, informally (2-2)

 26. Shinbone (5)

 28. Writing instrument (3)

 29. Immediately (2,4)

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- 1. THE Post Office is still handing millions of pounds to the firm behind which faulty software that led to hundreds of subpostmasters being wrongly accused of fraud? a) Sunrise b) Horizon

- c) Equator d) Sunset
- 2. SURGEON Prof Sir Rov Calne has died at the age of 93. What transplant operation was he the first to pioneer in 1968?
 a) Heart
 b) Lung
 c) Kidney

- 3. WHO has replaced Wayne Rooney as the Birmingham City manager on a two-and-a-half year deal?
- a) Tony Mowbray b) Graham Potter c) Slaven Bilic
- d) Antonio Conte
- 4. CULTURE Secretary Lucy Frazer is facing renewed pressure to bar an Abu Dhabi-backed an Abu Dhabhacked takeover of which British newspaper? a) The Guardian b) Financial Times c) The Telegraph d) Daily Express

- 5. WHICH London borough has become one of the UK's most popular movie locations for Hollywood

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blockbusters – but is also now the knife crime capital of London?

- a) Hackney b) Croydon c) Lambeth d) Wandsworth
- 6. RUGBY Union legend
 JPR Williams has died at
 the age of 74. What job
 did he do alongside
 scoring tries for Wales
 and the British Lions?
 a) Bus driver
 b) Accountant
 c) Surgeon
 d) Undertaker

- d) Undertaker
- 7. WHICH star of The Chase has revealed they tip the scales at 19 and a half stone?
 a) The Beast
 b) The Governess
 c) The Vixen
 d) Bradley Walsh

- 8. HOW much did Denise Coates, boss of Stokebased mega bookie Bet365, get paid last year?
 a) £100 million
- b) £150 million c) £200 million d) £220 million
- 9. WHICH British actor is celebrating after winning a coveted Golden Globe for his role in telly drama Succession?
 a) Brian Cox
- b) Matthew McFayden c) Kieran Culkin d) Alan Ruck
- 10. CAN you name the first NASA mission to the moon which took off earlier this week?
- a) Apollo
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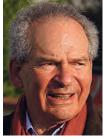












National hero lines up Festival hurdle run

RACING

THE Stayers' Hurdle THE Stayers' Hurdle has emerged as a potential stepping-stone to a third tilt at the Grand National for Noble Yeats. The eight-year-old won the world's most famous steeplechase at Aintree in 2022 and finished fourth in both

finished fourth in both the Cheltenham Gold Cup and when defending his National

defending his National crown last season.

Noble Yeats reverted to the smaller obstacles at Limerick over the festive period – and while beaten by Sa Majeste as the 10-11 favourite, his owner Robert Waley-Cohen was satisfied.

"It was a very good first run of the season," he said.
"I don't think he really likes that very heavy going as it was

really likes that very heavy going as it was at Limerick, but we had to start somewhere and hopefully we'll get some better ground later in the year."

Connections decided against entering Noble Yeats for the Gold Cup but Waley, Cohen has

but Waley-Cohen has raised the intriguing possibility of him turning up in another

turning up in another major event at the Cheltenham Festival. He added: "We're going to enter for the Stayers' Hurdle – if you don't enter you can't go for it when the time comes.

"His main target for the year is still the Grand National. The the year is still the Grand National. The Gold Cup is a tough race and the Grand National is a tough race and I think winning both in the same year is nigh on impossible.

"He was fourth in both last year, which was a fantastic performance, but I'd be more excited about winning one than being fourth in two!
"I don't think he's going to win a Gold Cup. He's a 166-rated horse, the average Gold Cup winner is 175 and the very good ones might be closer to 180." Whether Noble Yeats runs over hurdles or fences part remains to

runs over hurdles or fences next remains to be seen, with Waley-Cohen keen to keep all

Cohen keen to keep all options open.
He said: "We might put him in the Cleeve Hurdle, or if you want a chase where you require a lot of stamina the Cotswold Chase, in which he finished third last season."

OUR TRIBUTE TO A TRUE LEGEN By PAUL THOMAS

JOHN Peter Rhys Williams known simply as JPR and who has died at the age of 74 - was one of Wales' most celebrated players during his country's 1970s golden era.

The tough-as-teak full-back gained a worldwide reputation for his fearless defensive play, rock-solid safety under a high ball and attacking prowess that

ball and attacking prowess that saw him excel alongside fellow household names like Gareth Edwards, Barry John, Phil Bennett and Gerald Davies. The JPR moniker took effect in 1973 to distinguish him from Wales team-mate John JJ Williams, and it was a rugby career highlighted by him winning 55 Test caps across 12 seasons, being an integral part of seasons, being an integral part of successful 1971 and 1974 British

and Irish Lions Test teams and taking his place among a small group of Welshmen to win three Grand of Wel Slams.

Stams.

Socks always around his ankles and long sideburns resplendent, he was as popular among rugby supporters as any of his illustrious peers, while away from rugby circles, he became an orthopaedic surgeon and was a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons.

It could, though, have been a

different sporting story altogether, given Williams' prowess as a junior tennis player.

Born near the mid-Glamorgan

town of Bridgend on March 2, 1949, Williams attended Bridgend Boys Grammar School and then Millfield School in Somerset, underlining his tennis potential by playing in and

winning a British junior competition at the All England Club, Wimbledon, beating former Great Britain Davis Cup captain David Lloyd.

But rugby union was to be his calling, which he dovetailed with a career in medicine, qualifying as a physician in 1973 after studying at St Mary's Hospital Medical School, London, by which time he was firmly established as a trailblazing full-back.

Thrilling

"I used to say that I spent half my life breaking bones on the rugby field, then the other half putting them back together in the operating theatre," he said in his 2007 book JPR Given The Breaks – My Life In Rugby.

In terms of his club career, JPR was part of a great London Welsh team across the late 1960s and early 1970s, as they beat all-comers with

a thrilling brand of rugby that gained its ultimate reward when seven players from the Exiles – JPR included – were selected for the Lions' 1971 New Zealand tour, led by Welsh coaching mastermind Carwyn

Welsh coaching mastermind Carwyn James.
Williams went on to play a major role in the four-match Test series, including landing a decisive dropgoal in the final All Blacks clash, which underpinned a 14-14 draw and ensured a 2-1 Test series triumph, a feat that has not been matched since by any touring Lions team to New Zealand.

He had been capped by Wales as a 19-year-old two years earlier, and by the time his decorated international career ended when he retired in 1981, he had carved himself a permanent place in Welsh rugby folklore.

His ability to turn defence into

His ability to turn defence into attack through a fearless physical



approach won him countless admirers, and Wales knew they could rely on a rock-like player whose bravery under a high ball often showed little thought for

his own safety. Self-preservation was never Self-preservation was never high on his agenda, as illustrated to full wincing effect when he prevented a certain and likely game-changing try for France wing Jean-Francois Gourdon during a Five Nations match in 1976 by fearlessly barging him into touch at the corner as Gourdon sprinted flat out.

In rugby's current era, the shoulder-led challenge might well have seen Williams concede a penalty, but it was a moment of raw-boned physicality that inevitably took its place in Welsh rugby's history books.

Williams' high pain threshold was graphically underlined

during Bridgend's game against the 1978 touring All Blacks. Having joined the Welsh club two years earlier, he was a key player to their hopes of upsetting New Zealand at the Brewery Field.

Field.

But during the game he was stamped on the face by New Zealand prop John Ashworth, leaving Williams requiring 30 stitches – his father Peter, who was a doctor, applied the touchline needlework – before rejoining the action.

That single episode, as ugly as it was, epitomised a player who appeared not to show pain, whether of the physical or mental variety.

variety.

Williams captained Wales five times by the time he stepped down from Test rugby – he also went on a second Lions tour, another successful one, to South

Africa in 1974 - and boasted a

Africa in 19/4 – and boasted a remarkable record of never being on a losing Wales team against England in 10 Tests.

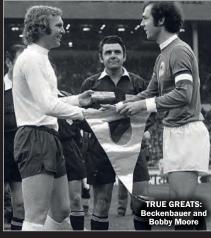
He gained an MBE for his contribution to the sport, and such was his superb natural fitness that he continued playing into his collection for sully 10.6 for will peak his into his early 50s for village club Tondu, often in the back row, before finally hanging up his beats in 2003. boots in 2003.

boots in 2003.

Like many of his international rugby peers, Williams has done much for charity, highlighted by him climbing Mount Kilimanjaro that saw a six-figure sum raised for the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children Prevention Children.

Williams, who worked as a consultant at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, leaves his wife Scilla and four children.





Legends pay tribute to Beckenbauer

By JOHN ANTHONY

GERMANY coach Julian Nagelsmann described Franz Beckenhauer as "the best footballer in German history" following the death of the World Cup-winning player and manager at the age of 78.

Beckenbauer won the World Cup as a player in 1974 before leading the team to victory as manager in Italy in 1990. Manager In Italy In 1990.
He also won the European
Cup three times with
Bayern Munich.
Nagelsmann said: "For
me, Franz Beckenbauer

was the best footballer in German history. His interpretation of the role of the libero has changed

the game.

"Franz Beckenbauer
could float over the pitch. As a player and later also as a coach he was ublime, he stood above things.

Bayern striker and England captain Harry Kane wrote on an Instagram story: "In my time at the club so far it's clear what he meant to Bayern and to football in this country. My thoughts are with his family and

And some of Britain's greatest former players put traditional rivalries aside to also pay tribute, led by Gary Lineker, who played against his German side in the 1990 World Cup semi-finals. Lineker wrote on X: "Very sorry to hear that

Franz Beckenhauer has died. One of the absolute greats of our game. Der Kaiser was the most beautiful of footballers who won it all with grace and charm, RIP.

Former England goalkeeper Peter Shilton, another member of the England side beaten on penalties at Italia '90, added on social media: "Very sad to hear that the great @beckenbauer has sadly passed away.

"He was a fantastic player reaching world class status @ FIFAWorldCup RIP." Kenny Dalglish recalled



TRIBUTE: Kenny Dalglish

a momentous meeting as he too paid tribute, writing on X: "It fills me with deep sadness to hear about the passing of Franz Beckenbauer, a true icon

of the game.
"It was a privilege to share one of my proudest moments with him when he presented my 100th cap for Scotland. My thoughts are with him and his family at this time. RIP Der Kaiser."

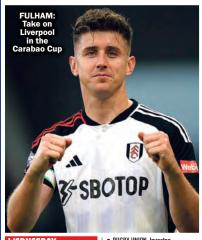
Former Manchester United and England defender Rio Ferdinand described Beckenbauer as an inspiration who

as an inspiration who helped shape his own approach to the game. "He had grace, poise and class, all while being a winner," Ferdinand wrote on X. "Absolutely had an impact on the way tried to play the game. I tried to play the game although I never got near his level."

Another international defender, Jamie Carragher, added: "As a kid he was the first foreign footballer I'd ever heard of, that's because if any player tried to play out from the back whether at pro or amateur level I would hear, 'He thinks he's Beckenbauer'.

"That just shows the impact he had on the world game and how he

world game and how he helped change it."
Manchester City boss Pep Guardiola, who coached Bayern from 2013-16, posted a picture with the German great on Instagram and wrote: "It was an honour to share was an honour to share good moments at @ fcbayern. Rest in peace."



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- RUGBY UNION: Investec
 Champions Cup, Exeter v Glasgow
 —ITV and TNT Sports 2 1230.
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 MORSE RACING: Warwick,
 Newbury and Kempton Park —
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 SNOOKER. The Masters —

- ITV4 1300. SNOOKER: The Masters Eurosport 1 1245 and 1845, BBC One 1315, BBC Two England 1900. TENNIS: Adelaide International Sky Sports Arena and Sky Sports Main Event 0100: Auckland Open

- 1700.

 BOXING: WBC. WBO and IBF World Light-Heavyweight titles fight. Artur Beterbiev V Callum Smith-Sky Sports Main Event 0115 (Sun).

 GRÜIRÜN. NFL. game TBD Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sports Miz 12030. game TBD Sky Sports NFL 2030. game TBD Sky Sports NFL 2015 (Sun).
- Bucks v Golden State Warriors TNT Sports 2 0100 (Sun).

FOOTBALL: Premier League, Everton v Aston Villa — Sky Sports Premier League 1300, Sky Sports Main Event 1400 Manchester United V Tottenham — Sky Sports Premier League 1600. Championship, OPR Walford — Sky Sports Premier League 1600. Championship, OPR Walford — Sky Sports Potaball and Sky Sports Main Event 1200. Sarie A Lazio V Lecce — INI Sports 2 1130. Napoti v Lecce — INI Sports 2 1130. Napoti v Lecce — INI Sports 2 1130. Napoti v Toto Sports 3 1200. Elevier 1700. game 180 — INI Sports 2 1700. game 180 — INI Sports 1700. game 180 — INI Sports 1700. game 180 — INI Sports 17100. Game 190 — INI Sports 17100. Game 190 — INI Sports 17100. Game 190 — INI Sports 17100. Cade V Valencia — LaLiga TV and Viaplay Sports and LaLiga TV and Viaplay Sports 1515. Undesdign. Sports 1501 — INI Sports 4 1000. Game 190 — INI Sports 1501 and Sky Sports Min 1630. — IENNIS. Australian Open — Eurosport 1000. — In Dubai Invitational — Sky Sports Bolf and Sky Sports Bolf and Sky Sports Main Event 0730. PSd. UNION. Investec Premier League 1300, Sky Sports Main Event 1400, Manchester

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ALL THE TOP TIPS FOR TODAY'S RACING



CORDOBES let favourite-backers down on his first attempt but compensation awaits in the Unibet Novice Stakes at Kempton.

The Godolphin colt is bred in the purple as a son of Frankel out of multiple winner Bold Lass and had plenty of supporters when he made his debut over a

mile here last month.

Drawn 10 of 11 runners,
William Buick pushed on
early to get a decent position
and that early effort perhaps

and that early effort perhaps told in the closing stages as El Cordobes dropped back from second to be beaten just over five lengths in fifth.

The outing should not be lost on him and Charlie Appleby's charge can hit the mark at the second attempt.

mark at the second attempt.
Lartigue's inexperience
was a factor in his initial
defeat at Wolverhampton.
He was beaten a length
and a half by Whatatwit – a
previous dual bumper winner
– with his greenness when
asked to challenge leaving
him with far too much ground
to make up in the straight.
The Unibet Support Safe
Gambling Novice Stakes
offers a fine chance of
redemption.

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Juan Solo makes some appeal from a mark of 67 as he makes his handicap bow.

Sylvester Kirk's charge had three juvenile starts last year, taking a step forward from an initial unplaced run

By MIKE FRANCIS

as a 50-1 outsider to twice place in maidens at Wolverhampton.

He edges up to a mile from seven furlongs and might find the Unibet Zero% Mission Handicap more to his liking

his liking. Birthday Angel outran his 40-1 odds on debut, with the first division of the Unibet Support Safe Gambling Novice Stakes looking well within his compass on that

basis.
Related to both Flat and Related to both Flat and hurdles winners, Birthday Angel cost 105,000 guineas and made a fair start in coming home fourth at Lingfield, beaten three lengths by the well-regarded Mahboob.

Return

Return

Second-placed Verbier has since finished fourth in a Listed heat, so the form looks pretty sound.

Raffle Ticket is the pick in the At The Races App Form Study Handicap Chase at Doncaster.

The 10-year-old is only lightly raced for his age, but having won three times and been placed on a further four occasions in his 10 starts under rules, he has certainly offered a fine return to his supporters so far.

Those statistics can be further augmented on Town Moor, as his recent head eclipse at Taunton suggests Mel Rowley's charge is back



on form following a disappointing sixth on his seasonal return.

Could Be Trouble looks well treated in the Watch Off The Fence On attheraces. com Mares' Handicap Hurdle.

Hurdle.
Rated 125 at her peak in 2021, Donald McCain's charge has fallen down the reckoning having not won since scoring over fences in May 2022. She now races off 107 and it would not be a big surprise if she finally gets her head in front again.
Tommie Gun can make it a double over obstacles by

double over obstacles by landing Leicester's Visit racingtv.com Novices' Hurdle. Successful at

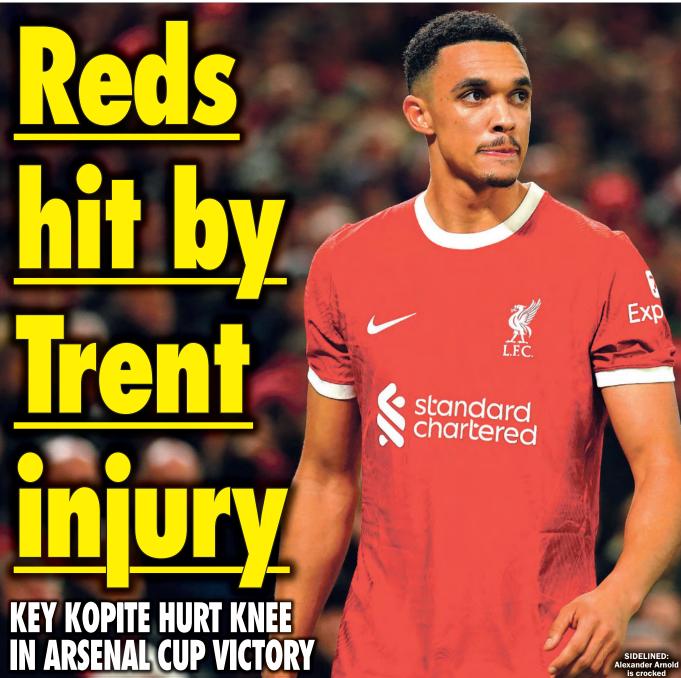
Southwell last month, he showed plenty of determination to prevail by a length and a half.

SELECTIONS
DONCASTER: 12.20 I'm On My Way, 12.50 Inoui Machin, 1.25 Molly's Third Man, 2.00 Raffle Ticket, 2.35 Could Be Trouble, 3.05 Tom Cody, 3.35 French

Symphony.

KEMPTON: 4.25 Rhasidat,
5.00 Penny Be, 5.30 Safe
Passage, 6.00 Laura's Breeze,
6.30 EL CORDOBES (NAP), 7.00

5.30 EL CURDUBES (MAP), 7.00 Juan Solo, 7.30 Birthday Angel, 8.00 Lartigue, 8.30 Heartrate, LEICESTER: 1.05 Royal Mer, 1.40 Iddergem, 2.15 Hunter Legend, 2.50 Tommie Gun, 3.20 Artemis Kimbo, 3.50 Ingennio.



TRENT Alexander-Arnold will be sidelined for several weeks with a knee injury, Liverpool assistant manager Pep Liinders has confirmed.

Alexander-Arnold suffered the injury during Sunday's 2-0 FA Cup victory over Arsenal at the

victory over Arsenal at the Emirates Stadium.
Speaking ahead of Wednesday's first leg of their Carabao Cup semi-final with Fulham at Anfield, Lijnders said: "First of all, some not-that-good news, Trent hyper-extended his knee during the last game.
"So he has a little tear in the lateral ligament of his knee and he will need time to recover.

recover.
"He had a scan and he will

"He had a scan and he will be out for a few weeks, so let's see after that.

"He will get some rest and then hopefully he can come back to where he was.
"Because this guy was decisive in all the games and was the one who created constantly for us from deep and gave the team a high level of flexibility.

"We will really miss him."
Lijnders also revealed that

By ANDY MILLOM

Virgil van Dijk is available again after missing the Arsenal game due to illness, but Dominik Szoboszlai

but Dominik Szoboszlai remains sidelined. Lijnders is backing his injury-hit squad to step up and keep Liverpool rolling on all four fronts. He said: "We have many weapons, Mo goes away, Jota steps up.

weapons, Mo goes away, Jota steps up.
"If the best players aren't there and we play well - like the second half v Arsenal – that is a good sign. We don't rely on one or two, we are missing four or five in terms of Robbo, Trent, Mo...

Solutions

"Trent plays passes the forwards like and he knows how to decide games and knows where the put the balls but the squad has other qualities if you ask me.
"Alexis or Wataru in the No.6, we have to find different durammer.

No.6, we have to find different dynamics.

"If Jota is a striker or Nunez, it is different so we find solutions, but this squad has so much talent and power. We always say as long as counterpressing there



everything else can replaced.

replaced."
Lijnders is delighted to
have Van Dijk available to
take on Fulham.
He added: "Virgil ran

He added: "Virgil ran yesterday and did a few jogs, looked good, smiling and speaking. He will be back. "That's the second thing,

in these phases you get sickness and players who get ill but he looks good." Other injured Liverpool

players are nearing comebacks too. Jurgen Klopp's No2 added:

"Szoboszlai is progressing, Robertson is progressing. He has a scan and then we can decide when has more

decide when has more contact.
"Kostas is quicker than expected, they will be back end of this month. Stefan and Thiago will be next month,"

next month without complications."
With so many key men on the sidelines through injury or international call-ups, you might expect the Reds to dip into the transfer market this month. But Lijnders sounds

just like Klopp in pouring cold water on the idea of beefing up the squad. He would rather give some of the club's youngsters a chance to make their mark.

He added: "Two things: We spent a lot of money in the summer and invested in the squad with the onwership.

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"We brought in the right
players, so even with injuries at the moment they wil lbe

"A good season and a top season, the difference is how you get through these phases.

Moments

"And we always believe in the academy as well.
"We have young players to fight for prizes and these young players are running and fighting and dreaming.
Bradley was excellent against a fresh Martinelli in the Arsenal game the Arsenal game.

"These boys they learn at these moments.

"Bradley and Bobby Clark are not back up, they are a part of our squad, they are made for games like this.

"Young players need."

"Young players need opportunities, not criticism. They feel our trust after that." need

- 1. How many times has Ronnie O'Sullivan won The Masters?
- 2. Which French city will host the opening game of this season's Guinness Six Nations Championship?
- 3. Who won the most Australian Open singles titles out of Martina Hingis, Maria Sharapova and Venus Williams?
- 4. What is the name of Maidstone United's home ground?
- 5. Which player has scored in each of the last three Women's FA Cup finals?
- 6. How many racecourses are there in Wales?
- 7. Carl Hester has won Olympic medals for Great Britain in which
- 8. Which British city is base for the Red Bull Formula 1 team?
- 9. Which two countries
- will play in the opening game of Euro 2024? 10. Who is head coach of South African rugby team the Bulls?
- 11. In what year did Chelsea sign Timo Werner from RB
- 12. At last year's US Open, Coco Gauff won her first grand slam singles title – how many senior singles finals has she appeared in at majors?
- 13. Where will the opening race of the 2024 Formula One season take place next month?
- 14. Which team have won the women's rugby union Premiership a record three times Saracens, Harlequins or Exeter?
- 15. Maidstone boss George Elokobi played in the Premier League for which club?
- 16. Which side did Australia beat in David Warner's final Test before retirement from the format?
- 17. What medal did Great Britain's Laura Muir claim in the 1500 metres final at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021?
- 18. Who produced a shock victory over Deontay Wilder on Christmas Eve in Saudi Arabia when Anthony Joshua beat Otto
- 19. What is the name of League One Wycombe's home ground?
- 20. Which was the last club other than Chelsea to win the Women's Super League?

ANSWERS: 1, 7; 2.
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- **1811:** The first recorded golf tournament for women took place in Musselburgh, Scotland, The local golf club put up a prize of a creel (fishing basket) to be contested by the fishwives of the area.
- 1942: Joe Louis successfully defended his world heavyweight title for the 20th time when he knocked out Buddy Baer, brother of Max, four seconds from the end of the first round. In their previous encounter, a year earlier, Baer had become the first man to be disqualified in a world heavyweight title fight.
- 2001: Sven-Goran Eriksson resigned as Lazio manager earlier than expected to assume his coaching role with England, a month ahead of a friendly against Spain. The Swede had signed a five-year contract three months earlier to take over in the summer. 2003: Two-time US
- Open champion Pat Rafter announced his retirement from professional tennis.
- 2004: Southampton manager Gordon Strachan announced he would not extend his contract with the club beyond the end of the season. Strachan later returned to management with Celtic in the summer
- of 2005. 2008: Newcastle parted company with manager Sam Allardyce after just eight months in
- charge. 2009: Andrew Strauss was appointed England captain for the tour of the West Indies following Kevin Pietersen's departure from the post.
- 2011: Ryan Giggs' second-minute penalty condemned Kenny Dalglish to a losing start as Liverpool manager as Manchester United recorded an FA Cup win over the Reds, who also had Steven
- Gerrard sent off. 2012: Lionel Messi won the FIFA Ballon d'Or award for the
- third year in a row. 2013: Kevin Pieterser signed a full central contract with the ECB, ending a spell of uncertainty over his future after a falling-
- tuture after a falling-out with the England dressing room.
 2014: Pepe Mel was appointed head coach of West Brom on an 18-month contract, but he lasted a little over four months and left by mutual consent a day after the 2013-14 season
- finished. 2017: Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo was named best men's player at the inaugural Best FIFA Football Awards.

FALLOUT FROM THE

ERIK ten Hag admitted his Man United side should have scored more goals after they eased into the fourth round of the FA Cup with a 2-0 win over League One Wigan.

United had 33 attempts at goal, 14 of them on target, but in the end only managed to beat Latics' impressive young goalkeeper Sam Tickle twice, first with Diogo Dalot's 22nd-minute curling shot and then with a 74th-minute penalty from Bruno Fernandes. Rasmus Hojlund and Alejandro Garnacho both hit the crossbar while

Marcus Rashford brought some fine saves out of Tickle, but this was the 18th out of 23 domestic games in which United's forwards failed to find the net. "It's all about the win but first half,

By PAUL THOMAS

the way we played, the performance, how we worked the ball, how we made our runs, the investment in the final third, we created a lot of chances and that was pleasing to see," Ten Hag said.

"I think we should have scored works but the good think is we scored."

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the chances."

After a December in which United After a December in which United lost six of nine to increase the pressure on Ten Hag, the manager could not afford a slip-up and that showed in a team selection in which

showed in a team selection in which he made two changes..
Antony was injured while Christian Eriksen was ill, with Scott McTominay replacing the Dane. "We have so many injuries and illnesses but still we put out a strong side," Ten Hag added.
"We had a good team, so we were

confident before, we must win this game. You never underestimate any opponent, definitely not this side, you know they will fight for their life because it's the game of their life, we took the game very good."

Wigan had a superb early chance with a quick break down the right, but goalkeeper Andre Onana denied Thelo Aasgaard from close range.

"I think it's a good save," said Liverpool-born Norway youth international Aasgaard. "If it was on my right side I'd have the confidence to lift it but the keeper's got down. It didn't knock my confidence or anything. It was a good save."

Looking to the fourth round, FA Cup holders Manchester City have been handed a trip to Tottenham.

Here are five ties to watch.

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TOTTENHAM V MANCHESTER CITY

City swept past Huddersfield 5-0 on Sunday, when Kevin De Bruyne

made a return to action during the second half for the first time since August.

August.

Spurs booked their place in the fourth round with a 1-0 win over Burnley on Friday night with a fine late goal from Pedro Porro.

Fans will be hoping the FA Cup tie proves as entertaining as when the two sides met in the Premier League in December at the Etihad Stadium

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Son Heung-min scored at both ends and Dejan Kulusevski struck a late equaliser to earn Spurs a 3-3 draw following a frantic finish – after which Erling Haaland took to social media to complain about social media to complain about referee Simon Hooper for not playing advantage as City broke during the closing moments.

IPSWICH V MAIDSTON

National League South side Maidstone, who beat Stevenage 1-0 in the third round on Saturday, are

A CUP THIRD ROUND TIES



the lowest-ranked side left in the

the lowest-ranked side left in the competition.

Ipswich sit second in the Championship and were 3-1 winners at AFC Wimbledon.

Stones boss George Elokobi helped Wolves get promoted to the Premier League under Mick McCarthy, who enjoyed a reunion with his old defender at the Gallagher Stadium.

With the Tractor Boys on a roll under Kieran McKenna as the Suffolk club seek a return to the top flight, Elokobi might just be picking McCarthy's brains on how to get a result at Portman Road—where the former Republic of Ireland manager spent six seasons in charge.

BLACKBURN V WREXHAM

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Wrexham booked their place in the fourth round for the second straight season with a 1-0 win

over derby rivals Shrewsbury. With Hollywood A-listers with Hollywood A-listers following their progress from across the Pond, the now League Two club will be hoping that run can continue when they head to

Championship side Blackburn. RoverscoastedpastCambridge 5-2 after a first career hat-trick for Sammie Szmodics.

NEWPORT/EASTLEIGH V MAN UTD

National League side Eastleigh National Leagueside Eastleigh kept alive their hopes of landing a fourth-round tie after a 1-1 draw at Newport. Chris Maguire hit a penalty after George Langston was sent off late in the

Langston was sent off late in the first half, leaving the Spitfires to battle on with 10 men.

United were confirmed as fourth-round visitors to either Silverlake Stadium or Rodney Parade after they won 2-0 at Wigan on Monday night.

The Blues swept past Championship side Preston 4-0 on Saturday as Mauricio Pochettino's side continued their good cup form, having also reached the semi-finals of the

reached the semi-finals of the Carabao Cup, where they will face Middlesbrough.
Villa edged past Boro 1-0 with a late goal from Matty Cash to win a first FA Cup tie since 2016.
Having waited so long to get into the fourth round again, Villa boss Unai Emery might have been hoping to avoid one of their Premier League rivals.

Premier League rivals.
That said, the Spaniard has already masterminded a 1-0 win at Stamford Bridge in September and on current league form, with Villa second in the table, he would probably fancy the chances of a repeat.





Scots will stay at home before **Euros challenge**

STEVE Clarke revealed Scotland will base themselves in Glasgow themselves in Glasgow ahead of Euro 2024 to "feel the mood of the country" ahead of the tournament in Germany. The Scots prepared for the previous Euros just

outside of Darlington in the north east of England before playing two games at Hampden Park in between a game against England at Wembley. Scotland begin their

build-up when they take on the Netherlands and Northern Ireland in March friendlies and will have two warm-up games in late May or early June ahead of opening the tournament against the hosts in Munich on June 14.

The final friendly has been pencilled in for Hampden and the Scotland squad will train at Lesser Hampden and

stay in the city centre. Clarke said: "We're going to base ourselves in Glasgow. We're not going abroad. I think with the last Euros it felt a little bit remote, out of the country, we didn't really get a feel for how the nation was.

"Obviously it was in Covid times so it was a little bit different. This time my thinking is that I want the boys to feel the mood of the country before they leave for Germany.

"Plus, fantastic hotel, great pitch, so we know exactly what we've got. Home comforts. And then go and attack the

tournament.
"That's what I want for the players. It's about feeling the mood of the nation before they go nation before they go there, so they go there understanding the magnitude of the tournament they are going into. I feel maybe the last time, because it was not Covid, because it was not a full Hampden, because we were based outside the country, they did not quite get the feel of how enthusiastic the nation were for it. We certainly know this time.

Despite an encouraging goalless draw against



SKIPPER: Andy Robertson

England in the previous Euros, defeats by Czech Republic and Slovakia at Hampden meant that once again the Scots failed to get out of the group. However, Clarke believes

However, Clarke believes the players are all the better for the experience. He said: "If you remember back, after those Euros when we got a little bit of stick, I defended the way we alread Leid through the product of the product o plaved. I said there were football moments which went against us, and that

can happen.
"If I'm being honest last
time I thought we were a
little bit over-enthusiastic,
especially in the home

games.

"The best performance was a more controlled performance at Wembley where we controlled the game better and didn't allow it to become an open game. That suited our

"I also said coming out of those Euros we would become a better team having spent so much time together, and I think that's been the case. We did improve and we have

improved.
"The good thing for me, and it's what drives me and keeps me moving forward, is that I see more improvement. I think we can improve again. And hopefully this summer we can show we have improved again.

"The Nations League campaign, and getting through to the top section of that, was good for us. That was good for our confidence."

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up the duff thanks to nconventional method' PAGE

By JOHN ANTHONY

ERIK ten Hag has not ruled out using the transfer market to strengthen his squad as injuries and illness continue to hit Manchester United hard.

The number of absentees reached double figures for Monday's 2-0 FA Cup win away to League Two Wigan, with Christian Eriksen out due to

with Christian Eriksen out due to illness and Antony injured.

Although Ten Hag is optimistic a number of players could return in time for Sunday's Premier League match at home to Tottenham, a United bench made up almost entirely of youngsters at the DW Stadium pointed to the stretched resources. stretched resources.
"We consider everything," Ten Hag



said when asked about the January window. "So what is in the best interests of the players and also the best interests for us, the team, for Manchester United. So we'll see how we progress during the window."

Ten Hag admitted it has been frustrating to lose so many players in recent weeks, but the Dutchman did not want that to be an excuse for some poor results last month, when United lost six of their nine games.

"I don't want to be frustrated because I can do nothing for it, it will not help to

"I don't want to be frustrated because I can do nothing for it, it will not help to support the team," he said.
"Sowehavetogetthe best performance and best results with the players available and that's what we're trying to do...
"I think there will be some players that are hopeful they can be back for the weekend."

